

Message From the President

We will have our BIG FUND RAISER and Picnic on Sunday Oct.10th at Lake Poway from 10am to 3pm.

At this meeting, we will be raising money for the club with a live auction, and is it ever fun. The bidding can get wild. So everyone, please look around your place and see what you can donate to the cause and bring your check books so you can bid on the items you are interested in. Items can be Bonsai related or totally unrelated to bonsai. This is a great way to relax and gives members a chance to get to know everyone better. I want to thank several members who are on the trip to China who thought about the auctions and gave us items before they left.

Cary, Claude, and I will be in-charge of the picnic. It is always a fun event to come to, so please do plan on coming. If you have not signed up already you can call or e-mail me to get on the list (760-445-2548 caryme2@yahoo.com). We want to make sure we have enough food for all. Each member is asked to bring a dish, either a side dish, appetizer, or dessert for the pot luck.

The main dish of mesquite grilled chicken, tri-tip of beef, fresh baked mixed rolls, and three cheese scalloped potatoes will be provided by the SDBC and catered by ICE-Incredible Catered Events, Chef Greg. If you came to the Spring Show, you'll remember how wonderful the food was.

That is why we asked Chef Greg to come back. <u>PLEASE</u> bring your own beverage, plates, napkins, and utensils.



Pictured above is Senator Christine Kehoe and Steve Valentine, President SDBC at the SDBC Fall Show, 2010.

Members are free (a thank you from the club) and guests 13 and over are \$5.00. Parking at the lake is \$5.00 per car.

I want to thank Terri for her fun silent auction at the last meeting. Her wonderful ceramic pots were beautiful. Terri also donated the proceeds, which she matched, to the new pavilion. I would also like to thank everyone who helped Abe and Cary. They worked so hard on giving us a really great show. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, and this is what keeps this club running so well. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!



Steve Valentine

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October Program

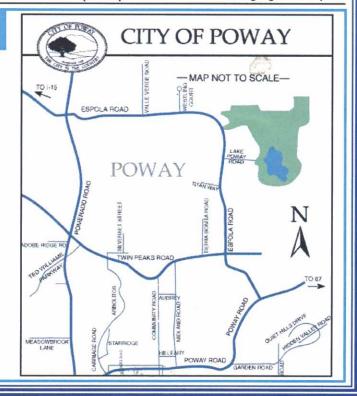
For October, we will look forward to a relaxing Fall day at our annual Lake Poway Picnic.

As the club members arrive, drop off your goods at the auction tables. Someone will tag them with a number. You will see members roaming the tables, determining what items they will bid on. Record your numbers so that when the auction kicks off, you won't miss your items of interest. Also, someone will be issuing buyers numbers. The book keeper will be using this to document who bought what and for how much. At the end, we pay the bill. If you have never come to the this event, it will be a great time and there will be lots of fellowship with club members.

The club meeting and auction will be under shaded picnic tables just a short walk from the lake. Tables will be provided for the auction items. The potluck items will be setup inside the enclosed area. Bring your checkbooks and carts to haul away your goodies. See map to the right for directions.

The September program was conducted by Tak Shimazu. The program was very educational and entertaining. We all thank Tak for taking the time to support our club in such a manner. See page 6 for pictures!

Abe Far. 1st Vice President



San Diego Bonsai Club Plavilions at the Wild Animal Plack

Volunteers have been most generous and willing with their time and talents to come out to the Wild Animal Park more often than once a month. Over 50 visits and over 250 hours have been logged by 35 of our volunteers in September alone. Congratulations and many thanks to:

Neil Auwarter, Maria Barbosa, Judy Barnhurst, David & Martha Choy, Nellie Downie, Maria & Tina Flores, Joyce Goldman, John Jackson, Ray Lish, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Jim & Susan Kirchmer, Marty Mann, Kris Landwehr, Marty Mann, Roger Marr, Charlie Mosse, Jon & Terri Petrescu, Sally Prestele, 'lyn Stevenson, Charlie Tamm, Larry Upp, Cary & Steve Valentine, Forrest & Michele Vess, John Voss, Dennis Wagner, Dave Woodall, and George Young. Also, the delicious donated snacks have been welcome treats. Thank you everyone!

Doose Construction

was completed with the three layers of fabric and rubber materials being laid in the two ponds and the stream bed. Afterwards, the **Doose crew** poured the cement over the liners. The WAP staff connected all the appropriate connections and now, the water is flowing! The volunteers started laying the cobble and larger stones in the streams for the beautiful "babbling brook"

effects! Of course, much more boulder, rock, and stone placement needs to be done, but everyone is delighted with the progress. **John Jackson** directed the bridge construction and the two smaller bridges are in place now.

On September 20th, our volunteers assisted the WAP in hosting the AZH Conference (Association of Zoological Horticulture). It was the first time that anyone other than WAP Staff and our volunteers were able to visit the construction site which is normally closed to public viewing. The international and USA guests were able to see our bonsai collection and then visit the future bonsai garden. Thanks to Jim Kirchmer, Ray Lish, Marty & Ruth Mann, 'lyn Stevenson, Charlie Tamm, Cary & Steve Valentine, and Dave Woodall for being available docents on that early Monday morning.

While much continuing brush clearing, cement work, etc. is being done on the construction site, there is also bonsai designing, trimming, pruning, fertilizing, and weeding being done to keep our exhibit in show condition. WAP visitors appreciate watching the care being given to the bonsai and always have lots of questions for our experts. Curator Steve keeps everyone busy with the necessary maintenance work. This is great bonsai learning in action for new as well as "seasoned" bonsaiists. We welcome all our members to join these volunteer efforts.

'lyn Stevenson, SDBC-WAP Liaison

Reginners Class Pics

Our contract with

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SDBC Education Report

Reginners Class

Thank you very much, Dave Rochester and gang, for once again showing the beginners class how it's done!

Since we won't have a regular meeting, there will be no beginner's class in October. Keep an eye on your little trees... the variable weather and the likelihood of Santa Ana winds will put your tree at risk. If you can, come to the picnic, you'll have a lot of fun and meet club members on a social level, finding lifelong friends. You will also have a chance to pick up pots, supplies, and trees and all at a very reasonable price (inexpensive). Our last class will be in November.

Intermediate Class

Thank you so much to John Voss for his enthusiastic class on creating jin on junipers! John led the people who bought his junipers, and they made some very iinteresting and compelling jin to enhance the trees (see page 6 for pictures). The class participants really enjoyed the chance to rip and tear bark off of their trees in the name of Art. The rest of us played around with soils, and hopefully learned a bit about the many options that are available to us, and how they can be mixed to support different watering needs. We won't have an Intermediate class in October, because we will be 'scarfing' down at the picnic, but in November we will play with fertilizers. See you in Poway!

Joanie Berkwitz, VP Education 760-431-1014, mold40@roadrunner.com

Tokanoma-Lall Show

To the right is Ko Tsushima's Tokanoma display. The main item is a root over rock composition. There are several junipers embedded in various crevices and pockets in the porous stone. It is a most beautiful and wondrous bonsai. The elevated bonsai, the accent plants in a tray, as well as the scroll in the background help to create a perspective in which all the elements form a scenery that is balanced and proportional. Thanks Ko for sharing this with the membership and all the visitors.



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San Diego Bonsai Club

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Members



September 12th, 2010

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of members of San Diego Bonsai Club was called to order at 10:30 am by Steve Valentine, President. A quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the August 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

3. Reports

- > Steve Valentine, President, 1) Announced the Nominating Committee for 2011 Club Officers: Joanie Berkwitz, Larry Upp, and Dave Rochester. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the general meeting on October 10. 2) As a thank you for their extraordinary service over the years, Abe Far and John Voss will represent the Club as Power of One recipients at the GSBF Convention in Santa Clara. 3) Our next meeting with be the traditional picnic at Lake Poway. Sign up sheets are available. 4) Nellie Downie, who for the past seven years has served as the Club's Refreshment Coordinator, was honored with a certificate of service and a gift. 5) At the most recent GSBF board meeting, members of SDBC requested a donation be made to again support the New Pavilion construction efforts. The board approved a contribution of \$2,000, that as in the past will be matched by SDBC.
- ➤ Abe Far, Vice President, 1) Reviewed the Fall Show schedule and asked for volunteers in several areas, including set up/take down, outside demonstration, and security. Demonstrators include Jim Barrett, Jim Rendina, Abe Far, and Shirley Kavanaugh.
- ➤ Maria Barbosa, Treasurer, 1) Total in banks as of 8/31/2010 \$17,376 in the General Account \$37,638 in the Pavilion Account, including a \$15,000 grant received from the County.
- ➤ Cary Valentine, Vice President/Membership, 1) Welcomed 5 new members. 2) Asked any member whose membership information had changed to please let her know. 3) Asked all members to save scrap wire for recycling. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the New Pavilion Fund. 4) There is no news on Guillermo Castano, but card is available for signing.
- > Joanie Berkwitz, Vice President Education, 1) Thanked Dave Rochester and everyone who assisted participants in the beginner class wire their shimpaku in preparation for potting in November. 2) The intermediate class was on soils. Several members provided samples of their personal blends, bags of which are included on the Raffle table. 5) In the intermediate-plus class, chaired by John Voss, participants worked on mature junipers provided by John. John donated \$200 to the New Pavilion Fund.
- > Maria Barbosa, Vice President/Special Projects, There are no new trips planned.
- ➤ **Japanese Friendship Garden**, 1) The 6th International Garden Symposium will be held at the Garden October 2-4. Volunteers are needed all 3 days. 2) In its 13th year, the youth program that introduces 5th graders to bonsai continues to need volunteers. The next 1-hour workshop will be September 24 10:30 a.m.
- ➢ 'Iyn Stevenson, WAP Bonsai Pavilion Liaison, 1) The next Pavilion work day is Saturday, September 19 − 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. 2) ID cards are now required in order to enter through the back gate. 'Iyn continues to submit everyone's work hours to the Park staff. 3) September 16-20, an International Horticultural meeting will be held at the WAP. On September 20, the bonsai area, including the construction site, will be one of the featured areas. Club volunteers are needed between 8:30-11:30 that day to act as docents. 4) Please review the donor board and advise of any errors or omissions, as it is to be updated shortly. 5) As the New Pavilion opening nears, there will be more frequent workdays. Please watch for email announcements with particulars.
- 4. **New business:** Terri Petrescu hosted a special silent auction of several handmade bonsai pots, some including trees. The winning bid, that started at \$20, would be matched by Terri, with the proceeds donated to the New Pavilion Fund.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Abe Far, Vice President, introduced the Guest Demonstrator – Tak Shimazu. Tak, who resides in the Riverside area, discussed techniques for developing good plant material and demonstrated his bonsai skills on a 6-year old tree, which then became a special raffle item. In November, David and June Nyugen will be guest demonstrators.

| | Marty Mann | October 2010 | |
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San Diego Bonsai Bonsai Jdeas

By Marty Mann

The September newsletter contained a combined September and October article. So, in this month's newsletter, we will not have an October article. See you in November!

In Rememberance ...

We are sad to report that **Aldo Pia**, a long time club member, passed away on 9/25. Aldo gave many hours toward maintaining the bonsai in our currect pavilion and we all have fond memories of working with him. The family has indicated that donations be directed in Aldo's memory to the SDBC WAP pavilion fund. People wishing to give a charitable donation should:

- make the check payable to: San Diego Bonsai Club
- note on the check that it is for Aldo Pia
- send to: San Diego Bonsai Club inc.,

P.O. Box 40037, San Diego, Ca. 92164

The contribution is a charitable tax deduction for the giver.

Also, a member of the California Bonsai Club and Baikoen Bonsai & Aiseki Kai, actress **Gloria Stuart**, passed away this weekend, 9/26.

While it may be sad to report the passing of these long time and important people, our memories of their contributions to bonsai and their support of their respective clubs will live on in our minds and hearts.

Pictured to the right is Aldo Pia, March 2007. He is cooking up a batch of spaghetti sauce for a spaghetti luncheon at our club meeting.



Photos by Cary Valentine



Picture to the left is Gloria Stuart celebrating her 100th birthday at the Huntington with CBS, Aiseki & Baikon bonsai clubs.

International Bonsai Magazines and Bonsai Education Books

Judy Schrosk has a selection of International Bonsai Magazines as well as Bonsai Educational Books. She is interested in passing these on to some of the newer club members, for a very reasonable cost. Her husband, an avid bonsai-ist, read them from cover to cover and got a lot out of them.

Judy's email address is fschrosk@san.rr.com and if you are a newer member (1 to 3 years) and you are interested, please send her an email inquiring about the materials. She is wanting to give back to the club's membership. This is a generous offer on her part and I thank her for this contribution.

Mario Condit

fall Show Report

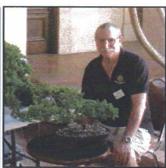
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We had once again a very successful and wonderful Fall Show with over 2,300 attendees. The plant sales netting the club with over \$1,100.00

We would like to thank all of the club members who came to help and who volunteered their time and energy. Without the dedication and quiet efforts of a small number of dependable people, events like the Fall and Spring shows could not be held. It would be nice to see more members come and enjoy the show and to help. We are thinking of holding a workshop several months before the Spring Show so that more members can have help getting their trees in shape to show them. Thank you all so much, you are the best.

Abe Far and Cary Valentine





Pictured above are Tim Kirkish and Jim Rendina. They spent several hours in the entrance to the Fall Show, doing bonsai maintenance. This helps to attract visitors.



Pictured above, left to right is Abe Far, Mr. Lee, and Bruce and Yeako Hisayasu. They donated a beautiful pot to the club. This was a generous contribution and we are very grateful. Pictured below are Jim and Helen Barrett, performing a demonstration on a juniper. The core components of the Fall Show were provided by volunteers. The Fall and Spring Shows consist not only of the bonsai displays but also stage demonstrations, walkway bonsai activities, plant sales, membership desk, roaming security, as well as door security. Half the fun is seeing all the people walk through and be amazed at the beautiful bonsai. The other half is engaging in conversation with the visitors on bonsai care and the process for creating and maintaining them. You will be amazed at what you know about bonsai!



August Program

Tak Shimazu did an awesome job on the demo and the juniper was styled wonderfully. Glenn Leeks was the winner of the demo tree and he got himself a beauty. Below are Tak Shimazu and Glenn Leeks with some final touches being added. For just a few dollars, a demo tree ticket can result in guite a reward.

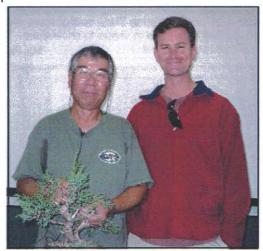


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Intermediate Class Dics

Below are two pictures of the intermediate class held by John Voss. The material was juniper, and it was larger than the beginner class trees. This provided a different challenge, how to design

and manipulate the tree's shape into a pleasing and simple form, yet follows the general rules of bonsai. You can't make drastic changes, but if you look at it over time and possibly draw some pictures to capture potential styles, one can start to shape and design this into a pleasing bonsai.

These larger speciments also lend themselves well to jin and shari, since some of the larger branches can get in the way and this is an option to complete removal.

Thanks John for providing this class.





Photos by Abe Far

Nellie Downie Day!

On Nellie Downie day, she was showered with several gifts, flowers, and other treats. Pictured below is Nellie and a quick snapshot of the gifts that were provided by the membership. This was a tribtute to her long time support as food coordinator in the club kitchen. Thank you Nellie, for your hard work, for your cheery disposition, and for your untiring efforts.



Photo by Abe Far

SDBC WAP Pics

Below are Dave Woodall and 'lyn Stevenson supporting SDBC WAP docent duties. To the lower right is a Koi sock at the entrance. Far below is Charlie Tamm and Steve Valentine and WAP visitor in the old pavilion area. See page 2 for details.





Photos by Cary Valentine

Membership Apdate!

Please welcome our new members!

Tisha Trinh, Douglass Kirkish, Scott Flack, Jamie Zapor, Ali & Mary Varshochi, Terri Heath, James Wilkins.

This is the time of year when I start the membership renewal process- preparing the cards, labels and envelopes. At our November meeting, I will be ready to accept renewals for 2011.

- There will be an envelope for you in the "DUES" boxname in alphabetical order. Located at the entry desk by name tags.
- Inside the envelope will be a card one side of that card will be a duplicate of your newsletter mailing label- on the other side our current records -address, phone, email.
 Please make any changes on the card and return it to the envelope.
- Place your payment in the envelope \$25.00/single add \$10.00 for each family member.(If you wish to drop a family member, please note that on the card as well).
- Drop the sealed envelope in the "PAYMENTS" box.
- The following month, the receipt for your renewal payment will be in a box marked "RECEIPTS" and will include your 2011 membership card.
- · IF in April 2011 your label has not been removed from the dues box, 2 things will happen. (1) I will know that your dues are not current & your name will be removed from the clubs roster & (2) you will no longer receive the club's newsletter & can not sell at our Spring Show or come to our May SDBC-WAP picnic & GRAND OPENING of our new pavilion/party. I know you will not wan to miss this.

Membership VP, Cary Valentine

Ronsai Pavilion Donor Roard

The September, 2010 donations to the Bonsai Pavilion Donor Board were truly appreciated.

A \$15,000 grant from the San Diego County Neighborhood Investment Grant was awarded to San Diego Bonsai Club after much filing preparation was done by Jim Kirchmer, Marty Mann, Cary Valentine, Maria Barbosa, and 'lyn Stevenson. The grant process was most detailed and many financial forms were processed before this grant was given. Our thanks to San Diego County Supervisors.

Maria Barbosa added \$50 to her previous contribution in the Elm category. Newcomer to the Donor Board is Jose Camarena with his \$150 donation in the Elm category. Jason Tucker and Allan Burrows are also newcomers to the Donor Board with their \$50 donations in the Azalea category.

Treasurer Maria Barbosa will accept all donations and supply receipts for tax deductions since SDBC is a tax deductible corporation.

Donations ensure our opening date for the Pavilion is on schedule: May 1, 2011. Thank you everyone!

September Refreshments

The following people brought in yummy treats for everyone to enjoy. We will all be doing the same for the October Lake Poway picnic and meeting. This time, we will ask everyone to bring a side dish (see President's message page 1) to complement the main course. Thanks again to the following folks:

Nellie Downie, Maria Barbosa, Joyce Goldman, Charlie Mosse, Terri Petrescu, Harlan & Mary Ann Price, Tim and Doug Kirkish, Abe and Cristina Far, Maude Laracy, Cary Valentine, Dennis and Sue Wagner, Susan Baker, Ray Lish, Shirley Kavanaugh, Barbara French-Lee, Marty and Ruth Mann, Joan Nies, and SDBC.

Nellie Downie, Refreshments Coordinator

September Benefit Drawing

Many thanks to all the folks that brought in items for the benefit drawing in September. For October, we will have a similar activity at Lake Poway, except it will be an auction and for much bigger prices. So, bring in your best items! If you haven't been to one of these events, you will be in for a real treat! Don't miss out!

Cary Valentine, Jon Petrescu, Charlie Mosse, John Jackson, Michael Sykes, Alan Burrows, Beth Leeks, Ken Bross, Abe & Cristina Far, Jim Rendina, Shirley Kavanaugh, Rich Glauser, Fred Miyahara, Marty Mann, and SDBC.

Jason Tucker, Raffle Coordinator



Donation Categories

Oak: \$10,000 and upwards Pine: \$1,000 to \$9,999 Juniper: \$500 to \$999 Elm: \$100 to \$499 Azalea: \$10 to \$99

'lyn Stevenson, New Pavilion, Project Manager

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

San Diego Bonsai Club Calendar of Events

October 10th Sunday

SDBC Meeting at Poway Lake

October 16th Saturday

SDBC Workday at the Wild Animal Park, 9am to 12pm

October 22nd Friday

Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon

November 14th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: David Nguy)

November 20th Saturday

SDBC Workday at the Wild Animal Park, 9am to 12pm

November 19th Friday

Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon

December 12th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: Steve Valentine)

December 17th Friday

Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon

December 18th Saturday

SDBC Workday at the Wild Animal Park, 9am to 12pm

January 9th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: tbd)

January 15th Saturday

SDBC Workday at the Wild Animal Park, 9am to 12pm

January 21st Friday

Japanese Friendship Garden, Kids Class 10:30 to noon

February 13th Sunday

Regular SDBC Meeting (Featured Guest: tbd)

Sunday, October 10th 2010 Lake Poway Shaded Park Benches, Food, Live Auction!

Meeting Agenda

| 9:00 am | Setup tables and mic's |
|----------|--|
| 10:00 am | Check in auction items |
| 11:00 am | Club meeting |
| 11:30 am | Serve lunch |
| 12:00 am | Live Auction! |
| 2:00 pm | Cleanup |
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